ADA Advisory Committee Meetings Minutes August 3, 2011

The Jackson ADA Advisory Council meeting was held in the Hood Bldg. Members attending this meeting were: Ms. Lee Cole, Chairperson; Minister Sam Gleese, City ADA Coordinator; Dr. Scott Crawford, Ms. Karen Robinson, Mr. Namon Hulitt, Mr. Lynn Jefferson, Ms. Jackie Washington, Ms. Lynn Hill, and Mr. Jason Bunch. Others attending were: Ms. Corinne Fox (City of Jackson-Director of Planning & Development), Mr. Thelman Boyd (City of Jackson CAO), Mr. George Ewing (City of Jackson Engineering), Mr. Bennie Hopkins (City of Jackson), Mr. Roy Granger (MIB -Deputy Director), Ms. Ashley Powell (MIB), Mr. Sam Tensley (JATRAN), Mr. Dwayne Cheatham (JATRAN), Ms. Mary Ann Robinson (ARC of MS).

- I. Ms. Lee Cole called the meeting to order at 1:07pm.
- II. Members and guests introduced themselves.

New Business

- III. The by-laws of the ADA Council were passed out for review. Discussion of the by-laws will be held at the next ADA meeting by the Council. By-laws must be approved by the Mayor.
- IV. Mr. Thelman Boyd introduced the new city warning system (Code Red). This is the notification system to inform the citizens of boiling water alerts, impending storms and other emergencies, i.e. flash floods, tornadoes, etc. Citizens may sign up for the service via website (www.jacksonms.gov).

The system works by calling a citizen three times (if no answer, leaves a message on answer machine which is considered an answer.) It is applying with NWS (National Weather Service) to become a storm—ready community. Citizens will also have forms available once they are completed and approved by the Legal Department. Mr. Boyd will keep the disability community informed of further changes.

V. Mr. Sam Tensley distributed copies of the Fixed Route Service Analysis Report. He went through the report section by section and stated that the proposed changes will have to be approved by the city council.

Dr. Scott Crawford had concerns on the route changes concerning Madonna Manor. With the change, service to Madonna Manor will be discontinued and Scott feels that the seniors at the manor will be inconvenienced. JATRAN staff disagreed. However, they will review their data to be certain of the effect to the residents of the Manor. Ms. Corinne Fox agreed that JATRAN should go to Madonna manor and have a meeting with Madonna tenants. The (ADA) Council supported this suggestion and added it as an addendum to the motion to support the changes.

Old Business

VI. The Council is requesting that a letter be sent to Mr. Larry Smith with Central Mississippi Planning and Development District inviting him to one of our meetings. Dr. Crawford and Mr. Gleese agreed that their complaints were not totally corrected but they are slowly making progress as it relates to complaints filed with Federal Highway.

VII. Announcements:

October is observed nationally as "Employ Persons with Disabilities Awareness Month". The City of Jackson will observe "Disability Awareness Day" on October 12, 2011. It will be held at the Jackson Medical Mall from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Several organizations will be having programs throughout October. It was suggested that programs may be combined and that JATRAN should present at these programs.

The next meeting will be held on September 7, 2011, @ 1pm, in the first floor conference room of the Hood Bldg. The meeting was adjourned at 2pm.

These minutes were prepared by Ms. Karen Robinson and Ms. Jackie Washington and approved at the September 7, 2011 meeting.